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## Executive Director's Report

*(Updated 02/03/10 for February 4-5, 2010, Board meeting)*

**LEGISLATIVE WATCH:** With the Legislature in session, the Board is following several bills:

**SSB 3085, HF 2136** defines interventional chronic pain management as the practice of medicine and the techniques used in that practice. The bill limits the practice of interventional pain medicine to licensed physicians, podiatrists, or dentists.

**House Joint Resolution 2006** to nullify administrative rules of the Board of Nursing concerning advanced registered nurse practitioners to supervise use of fluoroscopic X-ray equipment.

**On a related topic**, the Iowa Board of Health, at a meeting on January 13, voted to delay until March its formal vote to approve the adopted and filed amendment to Chapter 41, "**Safety Requirements for the Use of Radiation Machines and Certain Uses of Radioactive Materials.**" The Board of Medicine has opposed the amendment, which allows advanced registered nurse practitioners to supervise radiological technicians and students.

**HF 2149** provides that no licensing board can adopt rules affecting the scope of practice of another licensed profession without the approval of the other licensing board.

**SF 2070** would license direct-entry midwives.

**SF 2005** would limit non-economic damages in malpractice lawsuits to \$250,000.

**HSB 507** would allow therapeutically certified optometrists to supply therapeutic contact lenses.

**HSB 571 & SSB 3079** is the Public Health Department's technical bill. This legislation amends Section 148.3, subsection 1, paragraph a, to read: A Evidence of a diploma issued by a medical college or college of osteopathic medicine and surgery....

**SF 153** would allow physician assistants to form corporate partnerships.

**HF 674** adds EMTs to physicians as mandatory reporters of certain patients who are treated with injuries believed to be suffered in crime/violence.

The Department of Public Health briefed Board staff on possible legislation regarding altering/modifying the body for non-medical purposes, such as piercing, implanting studs, skin carving/scarring, and other decorations.

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**LEGAL SERVICES:** Julie Bussanmas, an assistant attorney general for the past three years, has been assigned to the Board to work with Theresa Weeg, assistant attorney general.

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**PERSONNEL:** James L. Machamer of Ankeny has been hired as a health professions investigator. He started January 25 in the Des Moines office. James brings over 10 years experience as a paramedic with the Des Moines Fire Department and the Mercy Medical Center. He also served as a hospital corpsman in the Navy Reserve from 1985 to 2008. He has a master's degree in healthcare administration from Des Moines University.

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**HEALTH CARE BILLING FRAUD:** Board staff and assistant attorneys general met in January with John Judisch of the Department of Inspections and Appeals to learn more about the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit's efforts and how the Board can collaborate on billing fraud investigations involving Iowa physicians.

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**DATABASE:** Board staff has completed the analysis portion of the database and is currently working on the analysis for the public portal/web services portion of the system.

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**WEBSITE UPDATE:** The redesign is completed and Board staff is working to update content. The new site should "go live" within a month.

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**PERMANENT PHYSICIAN LICENSURE:** The Board will implement the expedited licensure by endorsement process after March 31. We'll notify hospitals and locums tenens companies about these changes, which should help in physician recruitment.

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**AAOE SUMMIT:** Janice Galli, D.O., Sioux City, represented the Board at the American Association of Osteopathic Examiners' summit January 16-17 in San Antonio, Texas.

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**FSMB UPDATE:** Proposed resolutions are due February 15 for the Federation of State Medical Board's April 24 House of Delegates annual business meeting in Chicago. The annual meeting is April 22-24. **The Board needs to identify the voting delegate for the annual meeting.** The state has not authorized payment of 2010 to FSMB or the FSPHPI.

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## **FEBRUARY-MARCH CALENDAR**

### **Hearings**

*(Updated 02/03: Subject to delays or continuances)*

February 5 -- 1:30 p.m., Ernest L. Galbreath, D.O.

February 15-16 -- 8:30 a.m., Paul D. Anderson, D.O.

February 15-16 -- 8:30 a.m., Winthrop S. Risk, M.D.

March 25 -- 8:30 a.m., Kenneth P. Schultheis, D.O.

### **Meetings**

February 4-5 -- Regular Board meeting

March 4 -- Teleconference meeting

March 26 -- Iowa Physician Health Committee Meeting

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